

story, red brick and tile building is usually the first thing that catches the eyes of visitors as they cross the Penn Street Bridge leading into downtown Reading. At night, the glow of the Pagoda's red lights transform the building into a beacon easily seen for miles.

Most visitors are curious about why a building associated with Japanese culture is in the middle of Pennsylvania Dutch Country. A postcard from the Philippines with a pagoda on it inspired William Abbott Witman Sr. to build one in Reading at a cost of \$50,000. In 1911, the City of Reading purchased the Pagoda for \$1 after plans to open a luxury resort in the building fell through.

Today, the Pagoda remains a proud symbol of Reading thanks to the dedication and countless hours of work by members of Pagoda Skyline Inc. This group of private citizens uses donations to maintain the building and grounds and organizes events, such as the planting of perennials each spring.

Pagoda Skyline will help the City mark the 100th Anniversary of the Pagoda on Saturday, July 12, 2008 during a car show atop Mount Penn.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me today in congratulating the City of Reading and Pagoda Skyline Inc. on the historic anniversary of the treasured Pagoda.

COMMENDING THE RESOLUTIONS  
ADOPTED AT THE 76TH ANNUAL  
MEETING OF THE U.S.

**HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 10, 2008*

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the work of the U.S. Council of Mayors for the progress made at their 76th annual meeting in Miami, Florida.

I wish to express my full support for the three resolutions adopted by the council that call for immediate immigration reform. These resolutions: (1) Calling for Comprehensive Immigration Which Promotes the Reunification of Families, Provides Legal Status With a Path to Earned Citizenship, and a Plan for Current and Future Immigrant Workers, (2) U.S. Immigration and Customs Worksite Enforcement and (3) Increasing Customs and Border Protection Staffing and Improving Infrastructure at International Ports of Entry, all serve to address many of the challenges the U.S. immigrant community faces.

I would like to recognize and thank the U.S. Council of Mayors for their efforts in promoting immigration reform.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE JEFFERSON  
FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

**HON. JOHN SHIMKUS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 10, 2008*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark the 60th anniversary of the Jefferson Fire Protection District in southern Illinois.

From a humble beginning, with a 5½ square mile district and a tanker that was a

converted Army truck from World War II, to today's department with modern equipment covering 220 square miles, the Jefferson Fire Protection District has been keeping residents of Jefferson County, Illinois, safe for 60 years.

It is because of dedicated citizens, willing to put themselves into harm's way to help another in need, that our Nation is the great place that it is. Every time the department has responded to a house fire, an auto accident, a medical crisis or any of the myriad of other emergencies that they have been called upon to face, these brave public servants have reminded us of what it means to be a hero.

I want to congratulate the members of the Jefferson Fire Protection District, past and present, on reaching this milestone. I also want to thank them for the vital public service they render to local residents.

HONORING MR. DON C. HUBBARD

**HON. WILLIAM J. JEFFERSON**

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 10, 2008*

Mr. JEFFERSON. Madam Speaker, this weekend the Urban League of Greater New Orleans will honor Mr. Don C. Hubbard for a life committed to justice and self-help for African Americans. In honoring him, the Urban League printed the following biography of his life's work in its 2008 Annual Gala Program:

"Mr. Don C. Hubbard has dedicated his entire life to the fight for social justice. As a champion of equality, he has contributed greatly to the battle against discrimination in the public and political communities of New Orleans. From his work during the Civil Rights Movement to his commitment to provide students with an opportunity to attend college, Mr. Hubbard has selflessly crusaded to establish a voice for the voiceless in New Orleans.

Mr. Hubbard's career in public advocacy began with the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s. As a member of the New Orleans Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Mr. Hubbard contributed to numerous sit-ins and demonstrations throughout the South with acts of leadership and courage. In 1963, Mr. Hubbard helped organize the first march on New Orleans City Hall to deliver better jobs and greater access to public facilities. In the late 1960s, he participated in a demonstration at Southern University at Baton Rouge to protest segregated stores. As a result of the demonstration, the participants were sprayed with tear gas and water hoses.

As a community leader, Mr. Hubbard has established numerous organizations and foundations to enhance the quality of life throughout New Orleans. In the late 1960s, he established the Gentilly East Development Association (GEDA) to lobby the city for adequate city services, including garbage collection, underground drainage and street paving. In 1967, Mr. Hubbard organized the Southern Organization for Unified Leadership (SOUL) to grant support to African-Americans seeking public office. SOUL has remained at the forefront of the struggle to gain leadership roles for African-Americans and is also a vital organization in the political arena. As a member of the trustee board of the Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Baptist Church, he launched the Paul S. Morton, Sr. Scholarship Fund. The foundation has provided five (5) \$5,000 scholarships a year to help students in their college endeavors for the last 19 years.

Mr. Hubbard is not only a Civil Rights leader and community activist, but also an entrepreneur. In the 1970s, Mr. Hubbard established the largest 100 percent Black-owned and operated services company in America, Superdome Services, Inc. He has also served as president and a major stockholder of Louisiana Sports, Inc., while working as vice president of managing and promoting the former light/heavyweight champion of the world, Michael Spinks. Mr. Hubbard also spent time working for Spencer Promotions managing former heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe. A former state employee in the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry, Mr. Hubbard currently owns and operates the Hubbard Mansion Bed and Breakfast on St. Charles Avenue in New Orleans."

We, in the U. S. Congress and the people of our Nation are grateful for Mr. Hubbard's service to all of us and Join the Urban League of Greater New Orleans in honoring him for a life well lived in the service of others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. TED POE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 10, 2008*

Mr. POE. Madam Speaker, due to other Congressional business, I unfortunately missed recorded votes on the House floor on Tuesday, July 8, 2008.

Had I been able to vote that day, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote Nos. 471, 472, and 473.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION  
OF H.R. 5811, ELECTRONIC MES-  
SAGE PRESERVATION ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 9, 2008*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 5811, the "Electronic Message Preservation Act," introduced by my friend and colleague on the Oversight and Government Reform Committee, Chairman WAXMAN.

With the advent and proliferation of electronic communication, the time has come for us to improve the methods for preserving records. Gone are the days when correspondence was sent solely using paper. E-mail has become the primary method of communication, and it is imperative that we develop procedures to stay current with the evolving technologies.

The bill before us today would direct the Archivist to establish standards for the capture, management, and preservation of White House e-mails and other electronic messages and to certify that the system meets the requirements established by the Archivist. Additionally, H.R. 5811 directs the Archivist to issue regulations requiring agencies to preserve electronic messages that are records in an electronic format. These regulations must cover, at a minimum, the capture, management, preservation, and electronic retrieval of these electronic records.